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This bond issue supporting funding for Land for Maine's Future is critical in allowing purchase of conservation lands for Mainers to enjoy. It is also vital to Maine's economy and tourist industry which rely so heavily on the natural beauty of our environment.

In my volunteer service over the last ten+ years on the board of the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, I have seen how important SRLT's conserved lands are to area residents in central Maine. They provide places for local and out of town folks to get outdoors and connect with the environment and themselves. Small land trusts like ours can't possibly raise enough funding to acquire lands. The membership and grant funding that we raise primarily support the operational costs involved in maintaining trails and presenting environmental programming. LMF funding enables us to work with the state and provide more outdoor opportunity for fishing, hunting, hiking and other outdoor activity.